

**MINUTES**  
**INDIANA BOARD OF FIREFIGHTING**  
**PERSONNEL STANDARDS AND EDUCATION MEETING**  
**CRAWFORDSVILLE FD**  
**DECEMBER 15, 2014 6PM**  
**100 S WATER ST**  
**CRAWFORDSVILLE IN 47933**  
**765-362-1277**  
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- A Meeting called to order at 6pm

Greg Wyant thanked Crawfordsville Mayor Barton for hosting the Board meeting and recognized Phil Pirtle from Waynetown VFD voted as Fire Chief of the year.

**Present**

Greg Wyant, Chair  
James Greeson  
John Smith  
Eric Gentry  
Chris Johnson  
Joe Romero  
Eric Dreiman

**Absent**

Burke Jones, Vice Chair  
Rob Lund, Secretary  
Tom Hanify

- B. James Greeson made a motion to approval of November minutes as submitted. Chris Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

C Variance requests;

1. Pam Moore requested a variance for Instructor I based on her current Primary Instructor status. Ms. Moore holds multiple fire certifications.

Staff recommended approval pending her passing the Instructor Reciprocity test.

Chris Johnson made a motion to approve staff recommendation. Eric Dreiman seconded. Motion passed.

2. Battalion Chief Dudley Taylor requested a variance for Hazardous Material Technician. Chief Taylor completed the technician level in May of 2013 and completed to the Awareness and Operations level July 25, 2013. He would like the Technician level issued at this time.

Staff had no recommendation at this time.

Chief Wyant asked why he took them out of order. James Greeson stated that was more than likely the way the class fell.

Chris Johnson asked why the staff had no recommendation. Dave Probo explained that it is believed that during the technician course, you cover all that is required for the awareness and operations level. The skills for operations are incorporated into the technician skills. Because of this issue, we have created a combination test of awareness/operations and technician. This is one test and you receive the certifications for all 3 levels upon completion.

The Board asked why, if he was done with everything in July 2013, he is asking for the variance a year and 5 months later. The practicals are way beyond the expiration of 180 days.

Chris Johnson made a motion to table this request until we have further information. Joe Romero seconded. The Board would like to know why the delay in asking for the certification.

3. Robert Eberhardt requested a variance for Instructor I. He currently holds a valid Primary instructor certification. He is an active firefighter at the Terre Haute FD.

Staff recommended approval pending his passing the Instructor Reciprocity test.

James Greeson made a motion to approve. Chris Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

4. Marge Wozniak requested variances Michael Chastain, Garry Bendix, and Kristopher Wulff. Their instructor I certifications expired in March 2014. There was a change of command at the Michiana Shores VFD and some things did not get taken care of. They would like them reinstated based on the documentation of completed hours on a timely basis.

Staff recommended denial. Staff asked for completed recertification paperwork but it had not been received.

Chris Johnson stated that he called the Fire Dept. and had not gotten a call back.

The Board asked why they are having a third party ask for this. The Board would like to know if hours were completed.

Chris Johnson made a motion to table until more information could be submitted. John Smith seconded. A letter will be sent to the individuals asking for the completed form showing hours were completed on a timely basis.

5. Emile Sunier requested a variance for Instructor I. He currently holds an ILEA Instructor certification.

Staff recommended approval pending his passing the Instructor Reciprocity test.

Chris Johnson made a motion to approve. Joe Romero seconded. Motion passed.

6. Joseph Tiemeyer requested a variance for Instructor I based on college transcripts. Joseph has completed the state required practical skills for Instructor I.

Staff recommended approval pending his passing the Instructor Reciprocity test based on his college transcripts.

Eric Dreiman made a motion to approve. James Greeson seconded. Motion passed.

7. James Morris requested a variance for Instructor I based on his current Primary instructor.

Staff recommended approval pending his passing the Instructor Reciprocity test.

Eric Dreiman made a motion to approve. Chris Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

8. David Whitesell requested a variance for Instructor I based on his ILEA Instructor certification.

Staff recommended approval pending his passing the Instructor Reciprocity test.

Joe Romero made a motion to approve. James Greeson seconded. Motion passed.

9. Bryan Weaver requested a variance for Instructor I based on his state teachers substitute permit.

Staff recommended approval pending his passing the Instructor Reciprocity test.

The Board had concerns with the substitute teaching permit. There was a discussion with IDOE, and a substitute teaching license does not require the education that a teacher's license does.

James Greeson made a motion to deny. John Smith seconded. Motion passed. The Board advised that the applicant can submit some type of education hours and reapply.

10. Andrew Giordano requested a variance for Driver Operator Pumper based on his certificate of completion from Gallagher Bassett Services Inc. He has enclosed the skills that he completed, and enclosed the syllabus of the class.

Staff recommended approval of the completed skills, but he must take the state written exam prior to March 9, 2015.

Eric Dreiman made a motion to approve. Chris Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

11. Jeff Berning requested a variance from 655 IAC 1-1-12(e) to allow the following students, each of whom currently is 16 years of age and a junior, to take the written examinations for [Mandatory, Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Firefighter I/II, and Hazardous Materials Operations,] prior to taking the practical skills examinations, with the variance to be valid until their 19th birthday:

I am requesting a variance from 655 IAC 1-1-12(h) to allow the following students to take the practical skills examinations for [Mandatory, Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Firefighter I/II, and Hazardous Materials Operations] at the age of 17 years and 1 week and have their passing score remain valid until their 18th birthday, with the variance to be valid until their 19th birthday:

Korbin Schuerman	6924-3507
Austin Pranger	7978-7447
Justin Cornewell	8028-4675
Lane Douglas	5157-1444
Eric Dunn	0279-2404
Joe Federspiel	4522-1742
Hunter Eachen	1636-4061
Jonathon Ray	3989-0553
Dylan Gemmill	6458-8280
Lee Mast	1494-4622
Riley Glover	2416-4811

Staff recommended approval

Chris Johnson made a motion to approve. James Greeson seconded. Motion passed.

12. Dewayne Tiemeyer (Central Nine Carrier Center) is requesting the following:

A variance from 655 IAC 1-1-12(e) to allow the following students, each of whom currently is 16 years of age and a junior, to take the written examinations for [Mandatory, Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Firefighter I/II, and Hazardous Materials Operations,] prior to taking the practical skills examinations, with the variance to be valid until their 19th birthday:

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score remain valid until their 18th birthday, with the variance to be valid until their 19th birthday:

Students name	PSID#	Date of Birth
Icak Fox	(0021-2626)	5/97
Yuriy Clements	(6721-1564)	5/97
Jackson Vanette	(7320-2118)	9/97
Maegan Trulock	(5085-4699)	11/97
Tyler Swardson	(3239-9584)	1/98
Tyler Staehler	(1573-6373)	4/98
Theron Shaffer	(7504-3362)	10/97
Alexander Pankoke	(3246-6752)	12/97
Arnold Garcia	(0323-8572)	9/97
David Cox	(8828-7518)	6/97
Christian Coombs	(6084-6913)	11/98
Cody Carter	(8707-0048)	4/97
Randall Caldwell	(3687-5500)	12/98
Ian Beechler	(0483-6216)	8/97
Wesley Allen	(3784-8647)	6/97
Joseph M. Allen II	(6118-6602)	9/97
Colbie Craighead	(5183-7328)	2/97
Josh Donaldson	(0794-9486)	2/97
Deja Craig	(7008-1751)	1/98
Joseph Terek	(0224-3541)	3/98
Tyler Robinson	(1452-9331)	5/97
Anthony Hale	(9319-3381)	9/97
Bailey Gregory	(8249-3984)	8/97
Michael Eyster	(9010-2683)	2/97
Malik Davis	(4405-0338)	6/97
Morgan Brannon	(9447-8581)	12/97

Staff recommended approval.

Joe Romero made a motion to approve. Chris Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

13. Clinton Ellis requested a variance for Instructor I. He currently holds a valid ILEA instructor, and has multiple fire certifications.

Staff recommended approval pending his passing the Instructor Reciprocity test.

Eric Dreiman made a motion to approve. Chris Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

14. Ben Sieverding, Southeastern Career Center is requested a variance from 655 IAC 1-1-12(h) to allow the following students to take the practical skills examinations for [Mandatory, Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Firefighter I/II, and Hazardous Materials Operations] at the age of 17 years and 1 week and have their passing score remain valid until their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, with the variance to be valid until their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday:

Anthony McAdams; Alex Meyers, Mariah Barker; Cody Roleson; Chris Snyder; James Cochran; Dalton Wilhoite; Evan Branaugel; Joe Andres; and Tim Barnhorst

Staff recommends approval based on the following for Career Centers provided the student is at least 16 years of age and a junior in High School to take their written test prior to their practical skills being completed for Mandatory, Hazmat Operations and FF 1 and 2. These students must complete their practicals after they turn 17 and one week of age but no later than their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday. After their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday all testing materials will become invalid if certification has not been obtained. This shall be the responsibility of the student. The testing out of order issue will require a variance to IAC 655 1-1-12 (e) and the practical extension would require a variance to IAC 655 1-1-12 (h).

Joe Romero made a motion to approve the Board option, John Smith seconded the motion.

D. James Greeson, State Fire Marshal report;

We will be holding the Leadership meetings again this year. We will be at:

Terre Haute, January 24; Ft Wayne, Feb 7; Versailles, Feb 28<sup>th</sup>.

Please register on line for these. We will be providing box lunches so we really need you to register so that we have enough food for everyone. We will be talking about Crude oil transport and pre planning. We have increased transportation through the state and we have been called out twice so far.

We will also be having Fire Prevention, teaches the teacher, and we will be having a show and tell on the new Image Trend software.

Just announced today, the IDHS Foundation grants are now available. This is a reimbursing grant. You will have to fund the project up front and get reimbursed. You need to go on line and indicate that you are interested and you can also apply at this time. It is a \$4000 grant and we have a few \$100,000 funded for this. Contact Mary Fields, [mfields@dhs.in.gov](mailto:mfields@dhs.in.gov) if you are interested. They will award these on May 12, 2015.

Merry Christmas and everyone stay safe.

E Joe Romero, Director of Training report;

We are looking at expanding the Acadis computer program to allow for more customer service. We are looking at a January/February time frame. Also, we are working with the Indiana National Guard and State Police to help them get acquainted with the Incident Command system. This will affect some you because when someone shows up in uniform, they will be speaking your language so to speak.

F. John Buckman, fire training report given by David Probo

1. FOST – T-T-T

We have completed the pilot at Brownsburg. We have been working on this for about a year, and this is the first class that we used the new curriculum with. We are using the Thinking Firefighter to add to this program. The committee decided that the Smith book was just too big for the program.

We are asking to be able to have up to 10 pilot programs across the state and have the students receive certification when they pass the test. We want to be able to test at a selection of fire depts.: career, volunteer, , large, small etc.

The feedback is good so far and this course material will be free on line for everyone so this should save depts. quite a bit of money.

If you challenge this test you would still have to do all the skills, even the assessments that would normally be done during the class.

John Smith asked if this would be ready my March. David explained that they were looking at conducting a pilot at the Fire School in Jasper.



Eric Dreiman made a motion to approve the 10 pilot programs resulting in certification. John Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed.

2. Open book testing for Fire Instructor reciprocity test, and increase the required passing score to 90%.

We would like the Board rules to be on the table for this test, and they must score minimum of 90% since it is an open book test.

Staff believes that the rules should be available just like the ERG book.

The student should be able to look up the rules, not memorize the rules.

The discussion on this was that 90% is high even for an open book test.

It was suggested that staff do a pilot on the 6 variance requests from today, and bring the average scores back to the Board in Feb and we would look to see if 90% would be a feasible expectation.

Chris Johnson made a motion to allow open book testing for the instructor reciprocity test for the 6 individuals from today, and bring the scores to the Board in February. James Greeson seconded. Motion passed.

Greg Wyant stated that in theory he is ok with this. We are trying to teach the student how to use the rules. If you test today, and you do not teach anything for 5 years, rules changed in that 5 years and did you go back and review the rules. John Smith seconded. Motion passed.

Staff asked that the 655 IAC rules be allowed on the table for all Instructors testing. Again, we want the instructor to know how to look the rules up, not memorize the rules.

John Smith made a motion to allow the 655 IAC rules available during Instructor I, II and III testing. Chris Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

3. Quality control for courses

We are having the IFIA assist us in the quality control of classes. They will be contacting anyone who registers for a course number with more than 5 students. They are not there to judge you, they are there to assist you with the class if you need it and to look at your syllabus to make sure that everything is getting covered that needs to be. Please, work with them.

4. Hazmat Technician

As discussed earlier this evening, it is believed that if you take the technician course you are covering the awareness and operations in this course. If you would like, there is an option for testing that combines all three levels of certification. The test is available now. It has been an option for several months if you want to take all levels at the same time. If you do not, then you still have to meet the prerequisite for each level.

G. Administrative proceedings;

1. Bernard Beier, Administrative Cause No. 14-02
2. Emile Sunier, Administrative Cause No. 14-20
3. Daniel Skowroski, Administrative Cause No. 12-01

Eric Gentry made a motion to affirm the Administrative Law Judge's decision. Chris Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

H. Request for Administrative review.

1. John Cline is requesting an administrative review of the Board decision to revoke all certifications.

Eric Dreiman made a motion to send the appeal to the judge. Chris Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

H Old business;

1. Board elections

Greg Wyant was nominated for Chair, voted, and approved.

Rob Lund was nominated for Secretary, voted, and approved

The Board has delayed the vote for vice Chair. Burke Jones was not available at this meeting. The vote will take place Feb, 16, 2015.

I. New business;

1. Rules question (Jonathan Whitham)

Jonathan stated that there were several rules not being used and they would like to repeal them. Gov. Pence has asked that unused rules be repealed at this time. The rules that they are looking at are:

655 IAC 1-2.1-16; Public Fire and Life Safety Educator I

655 IAC 1-2.1-17; Public Fire and Life Safety Educator II  
655 IAC 1-2.1-18; Public Fire and Life Safety Educator III

The Board requested time to check into this. Jonathan explained that there have been very few certifications issued over the years. Staff suggested also repealing 655 IAC 109 through 110.1; Wilderness Rescue because no certifications have been issued on these. We have no program to teach, nor testing available.

Chris Johnson suggested the repeal 655 IAC 1-1-12(h). The Board stated that they needed to look at these a little more before they voted to repeal.

J Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm

#### NEXT MEETING:

Feb 16, 2015  
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